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Applicant : Maurice Aboukrat et al. Confirmation No. 3118
Application No. : 10/551,369
Filed : September 28, 2005
Title : COMPUTER DEVICE FOR MANAGING DOCUMENTS IN A MULTI-
USER MODE
Grp./Div. : To be assigned
Examiner : To be assigned
Docket No. : 55930/N75

PETITION UNDER CFR 1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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March 23, 2007

Commissioner:

Maurice Aboukrat, one of the joint inventors of the above-identified application, has refused to sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (Declaration & Power) that accompanies the Petition. The Declaration & Power is executed by each of the remaining inventors on their own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing inventor Mr. Aboukrat.

Enclosed herewith is the Declaration of Jean-Yves Placais, the European Patent and Trademark Attorney who represents Trace One. Trace One is the owner of the corresponding International Application on which this U.S. application is based and the assignee of the subject U.S. application, by the Assignment, for all inventors except Mr. Aboukrat, being recorded concurrently herewith. The Declaration & Power of Attorney from all inventors except for Mr. Aboukrat accompanies the Petition.

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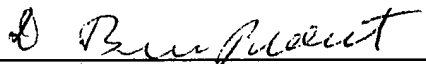
The last known address of the non-signing inventor as identified in paragraph 2 of Mr. Placais' Declaration is in Mr. Placais' letter to Mr. Aboukrat and is as follows:

Maurice Aboukrat
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The Declaration of Mr. Placais gives proof of the pertinent facts.

Also enclosed is the Petition fee set forth in §1.17(g) namely \$200.

Respectfully submitted,
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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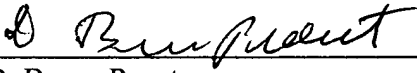
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POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE

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Commissioner:

Trace One, a France company, having a principal place of business at 6, avenue Marceau, 75008 Paris, France, (Assignee) is assignee of the right, title and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100), by reason of the attached Assignment to the Assignee for the above-identified patent application.

The undersigned Assignee for the above-identified application hereby appoint(s) the practitioners associated with the

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of the firm CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, telephone 626/795-9900, as principal attorneys with power to appoint associate attorneys, to prosecute this application and any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, or reissue application thereof, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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The Assignee hereby grants said attorneys the power to insert on this Power of Attorney any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The authority under this Power of Attorney of each person identified by Customer Number 23363 shall automatically terminate and be revoked upon such person ceasing to be a member or associate of or of counsel to the firm.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct all telephone calls to D. Bruce Prout at 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP**, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, California 91109-7068.

TRACE ONE

Date 27/02/2007

By

Name JEROME PALAVOYTitle CEO

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 23, 2007

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DECLARATION OF JEAN-YVES PLACAIS
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47

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Commissioner:

I, Jean-Yves Placais, hereby declare and state as follows:

I. I am a partner of European Patent and Trademark Attorneys, Cabinet Netter, France, and represent Trace One. The subject Application No. 10/551,369 (Subject Application), is the U.S. national stage filing of International Application PCT/FR2004/000798 (International Application) in which Trace One is the sole applicant in all designated countries except for the United States. The inventors listed in the International Application are Maurice Aboukrat, Jean-Paul Pothin, Frédéric Guillaume and Benoît Fillon. All of these inventors, except for Maurice Aboukrat (Mr. Aboukrat), signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney for the Patent being filed herewith and also signed an Assignment, assigning all rights over to Trace One, which Assignment is being filed for recording herewith.

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2. I personally caused a letter, with copies of the International Application, and of the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (Declaration) for the Subject Application, to be placed in the mail. The letter was dated and placed in the mail on February 28, 2007, in an envelope postage pre-paid certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to Mr. Aboukrat at his last known address, and the letter requested him to review the International Application, and the Declaration, and to date and execute these documents and return them to me within twenty days of the date of the letter.

3. Exhibit A hereto is a copy of the letter to Mr. Aboukrat, Exhibit B is a copy of the Declaration, and Exhibit C is an English translation of the French Language letter of Exhibit A. Enclosed as Exhibit D hereto is a copy of a postal return receipt noting delivery to Mr. Aboukrat's address of the letter, the International Application and the Declaration and Power of Attorney.

4. Exhibit E is a copy of a response dated March 16, 2007 received from Mr. Aboukrat on March 20, 2007. The response acknowledges my letter of March 28, 2007, and simply refers me to a French colleague, Mr. Gabriel de Kernier, of the French patent attorney firm Casalonga & Josse. Exhibit F is a translation of the French language letter of Exhibit E.

5. I immediately contacted Mr. de Kernier in the morning of March 20, 2007 by telephone. I was informed that Mr. Aboukrat did not want to sign the declaration at present. On the same day, I wrote a letter to Mr. Aboukrat, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit H, with copy to Mr. de Kernier, in which I stated my understanding that Mr. Aboukrat refused to sign the Declaration. Exhibit I is an English translation of the French language letter of Exhibit H.

6. This application was filed on September 28, 2005. Therefore, there is an urgent need to proceed with this application without the signature of Mr. Aboukrat.

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I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date

March 22, 2007

By


Jean-Yves PLAÇAIS

DBP/cg

Enclosures:

- Exhibit A - Copy of letter to Mr. Aboukrat
- Exhibit B - Declaration
- Exhibit C - English translation of Exhibit A
- Exhibit D - Copy of a postal return receipt
- Exhibit E - Response from Mr. Aboukrat
- Exhibit F - English translation of Exhibit E
- Exhibit G - Letter to Mr. Aboukrat
- Exhibit H - English translation of Exhibit G

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M. Maurice ABOUKRAT

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COURRIER RECOMMANDE A.R

JYP/AM

Paris, le 28 février 2007

Cher Monsieur,

Réf : Demande de Brevet aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique N° 10/551 369
Déposée le 28 septembre 2005
"Dispositif informatique de gestion de documents en mode multi-utilisateurs"
N/réf : Cas 1

Je suis le Conseil en Propriété Industrielle européen de TRACE ONE, chargé du dépôt d'une demande de brevet aux Etats-Unis, en tant que phase nationale de la demande internationale PCT/FR04/00798 déposée le 30 mars 2004.

Vous trouverez ci-joint, pour les besoins de cette procédure de dépôt aux Etats-Unis :

- une copie de la demande internationale PCT,
- une copie des formulaires standard pré-rédigés PCT/IB/306, tels qu'ils ont été transmis par les autorités PCT à l'USPTO, et qui font apparaître chacun des co-inventeurs désignés dans la demande PCT, à savoir MM. Jean-Paul Pothin, Frédéric Guillaume, Benoît Fillon et vous-même.

Je joins également le document standard pré-rédigé de l'USPTO (à compléter par vos soins) intitulé *Declaration for Patent Application* également requis par cet office dans le cadre du dépôt de la demande de brevet aux Etats-Unis. Vous aurez constaté que pour satisfaire aux exigences de l'USPTO, sont mentionnés sur ce document standard comme co-inventeurs, les personnes qui étaient désignées comme tels dans la demande PCT, à savoir M. Pothin,

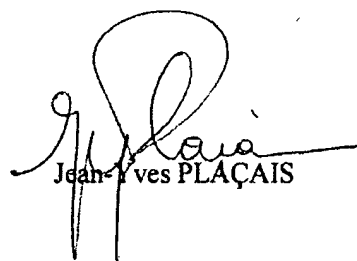
M. Guillaume, M. Fillon et vous-même, sans préjudice naturellement des droits de TRACE ONE sur ce brevet.

Veuillez relire la demande internationale, et ensuite dater et signer la déclaration dans les espaces qui sont prévus pour vous.

Vous devez me retourner l'ensemble des documents ci-joints, y compris la déclaration signée, dans les vingt jours de la date de cette lettre. Pour votre convenance, une enveloppe timbrée, libellée à notre adresse, est jointe pour me retourner les documents.

Je vous en remercie.

Veuillez agréer, Cher Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués.



Jean-Yves PLAÇAIS

P.J. : Copie de la demande internationale PCT
Copie des formulaires PCT/IB/306
Copie de la *Declaration for Patent Application*
Enveloppe timbrée à notre adresse

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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

PATENT

Docket No. : 55930/DBP/N75

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COMPUTER DEVICE FOR MANAGING DOCUMENTS IN MULTI-USER MODE**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

X was filed on March 30, 2004 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/FR2004/000798 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of the foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date (day/month/year)</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>
03/03961	France	31 March 2003	YES

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Patented/Pending/Abandoned</u>
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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the law firm of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP,

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to prosecute this application and any U.S. continuation or divisional application based on it, and to prosecute any international application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty based on it, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected with either of them in accordance with instructions from the assignee of the entire interest in this application; or from the first or sole inventor named below in the event the application is not assigned; or from CABINET NETTER in the event the power granted herein is for an application filed on behalf of a foreign attorney or agent.

The authority under this Power of Attorney of each person associated with the law firm of Christie, Parker & Hale, LLP, Customer Number 23363, shall automatically terminate and be revoked upon such person ceasing to be a member or associate of or of counsel to that law firm.

DIRECT ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363

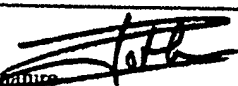
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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR			
Maurice Aboukrat			
Inventor's Signature			Date
Residence:	City La Varenne Saint Hilaire	State	Citizenship French
Country France			
Mailing Address:	12 rue Marguerite, F-94210 La Varenne Saint Hilaire, France		

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NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR			
Jean-Paul Pothin			
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Residence:	City L'Hay Les Roses	State	Country France
			Citizenship French
Mailing Address:	4 avenue Flouquet, F-94240 L'Hay Les Roses, France		

NAME OF THIRD INVENTOR			
Frédéric Guillaume			
Inventor's Signature 			Date 17/11/2005
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NAME OF FOURTH INVENTOR			
Benoît Fillon			
Inventor's Signature 			Date 17/11/2005
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Mr. Maurice ABOUKRAT
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Paris, February 28, 2007

Dear Sir,

Re : United States Patent Application No. 10/551,369;
Filed September 28, 2005
"Computer device for managing documents in multi-user mode"
Our Ref: Case 1

I am the French Patent Attorney representing Trace One, in charge of filing a US patent application, as a national phase of International Application No. PCT/FR2004/000798, filed March 30, 2004.

You will find enclosed, for the purposes of this filing procedure in the USA :

- a copy of the international PCT application,
- a copy of the standard preprinted forms PCT/IB/306, as they have been transmitted by the PCT authorities to the USPTO, and which show each of the designated co-inventors in this application, namely Messieurs Jean-Paul Pothin, Frédéric Guillaume, Benoît Fillon and yourself.

I am also enclosing the standard preprinted document of the USPTO (to be completed by yourself), entitled *Declaration for Patent Application*, also required by this Office within the procedure of filing the US patent application. You will have seen that, to meet with the needs at the USPTO, the inventors being mentioned in this standard document are the same as those who are designated in

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the PCT application, namely Mr. Pothin, Mr. Guillaume, Mr. Fillon and you, without prejudice of the rights of TRACE ONE in this patent.

Please review the enclosed International Application and then sign and date the Declaration in the spaces provided for you.

It is requested that you complete your review and return all the enclosed documents, including the executed Declaration, to me within twenty (20) days from the date of this letter. Enclosed for you convenience is a stamped self-address envelope for returning the executed documents to me.


Thank you for doing this.

Very truly yours,

Jean-Yves PLAÇAIS

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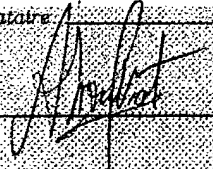
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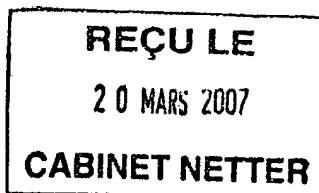
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La Varenne, le 16 mars 2007

Réf : Demande de Brevet aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique N°10/551 369 déposée le 28 septembre
2005 « Dispositif informatique de gestion de documents en mode multi-utilisateurs ». Cas 1.

A l'attention de Monsieur Jean-Yves PLACAIS

Cher Monsieur,

Je fais suite à votre courrier recommandé en date du 28 février 2007 reçu le 10 mars 2007 dont la référence est ci-dessus.

Pour toute la suite donnée à ce dossier, je vous prie de contacter :

Monsieur Gabriel de KERNIER
Conseil en Propriété Industriel
CASALONGA & JOSSE
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Je vous prie de croire, Cher Monsieur, en l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. ABOUKRAT".

Maurice ABOUKRAT

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Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested**

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For the attention of Mr. Jean-Yves PLACAIS

Dear Sir,

I am referring to your registered mail dated February 28, 2007 received March 10, 2007, with references given above.

For any subsequent step in this file, please contact :

Mr. Gabriel de KERNIER
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Very truly yours,

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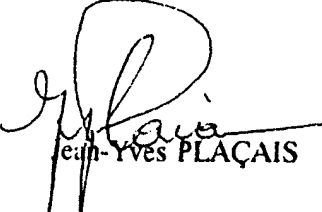
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Nous avons reçu ce jour votre lettre du 16 mars 2007 et pris immédiatement contact avec
notre Confrère M. Gabriel de KERNIER du Cabinet CASALONGA & JOSSE.

Nous tirons de cette situation que vous refusez de signer les documents que nous vous avons
transmis, en l'état.

Veuillez agréer, Cher Monsieur, l'expression de nos sentiments les meilleurs.



JEAN-YVES PLAÇAIS

C/C : M. Gabriel de KERNIER

PS : une copie de la présente vous est adressée en courrier simple

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We have received today your letter of March 16, 2007, and immediately contacted our colleague Mr. Gabriel de KERNIER of Cabinet CASALONGA & JOSSE.

We draw from the situation that you refuse to sign the documents which have been transmitted to you, at present.

Very truly yours,

Jean-Yves PLAÇAIS

CC : Mr. Gabriel de KERNIER

PS : A copy of this letter is being sent to you via regular mail.

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